

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Final Office Action mailed May 10. Prior to this response, claims 1-38 were pending. After amending claims 2, 5-6, 8, 10, 13-17, 22-24, 27-28, and 30, and canceling claims 1, 32-33, and 35-38, claims 2-31 and 34 remain pending.

In Section 2 of the Office Action claims 1-6, 9, 18, and 32-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Belyansky (US 2004/0129673).

In Section 6 of the Office Action claims 7-8, 19-23, and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Belyansky.

In Section 7 of the Office Action claims 10-14, 18, 24-30, and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Belyansky, in view of Ouellet (US 2003/0059556).

In Section 8 of the Office Action claims 15-17 and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Belyansky, in view of Ouellet and Chen (US 4,888,820).

In Section 9 of the Office Action claim 31 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Belyansky, in view of Furukawa (US 5,135,885).

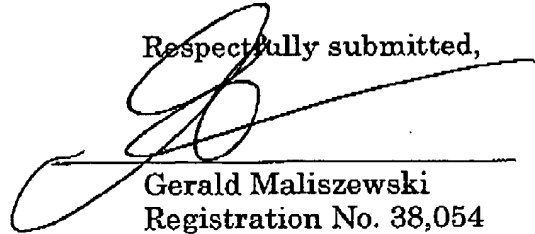
Section 10 of the Office Action states that claim 34 has been allowed. Claims 2-31 have been amended to depend from claim 34 (instead of from claim 1). The Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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